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Date: 14 October 2004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/010,387
Applicant(s) : Philip H. Spano Jr., et al.
Filed : 7 December 2001
Art Unit : 3653
Examiner : Michael E. Butler

Atty Docket No. : DB000972-000
Customer No. : 24122

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

To: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed 16 July 2004 for the above-captioned application,
enclosed is the following:

- Response and Amendment Under Rule 116

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment
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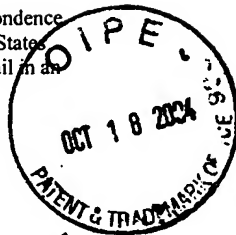
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

In response to the Office action mailed 16 July 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.